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DAILY BRIEF

Bolivia: Violence may occur today--possibly including attacks on the US Embassy--if leftist elements carry out their plans to stage antigovernment demonstrations.

One of the purposes of the leftists would be to demonstrate their strength in the Bolivian Labor Confederation (COB) on the eve of the national convention of the ruling MNR party. The COB is the stronghold of Vice President Juan Lechin, leader of the pro-Communist left wing of the party.

The embassy has also received reports that extreme leftists may attempt to overthrow the government, possibly with the support of the Cuban Embassy.

The embassy reports that the atmosphere in La Paz is tense. The government has taken additional security precautions to protect public utilities installations, and President Paz' personal bodyguard has been augmented.

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Zanzibar: The security situation in Zanzibar is quieter but confusion and friction are evident within the new African regime.

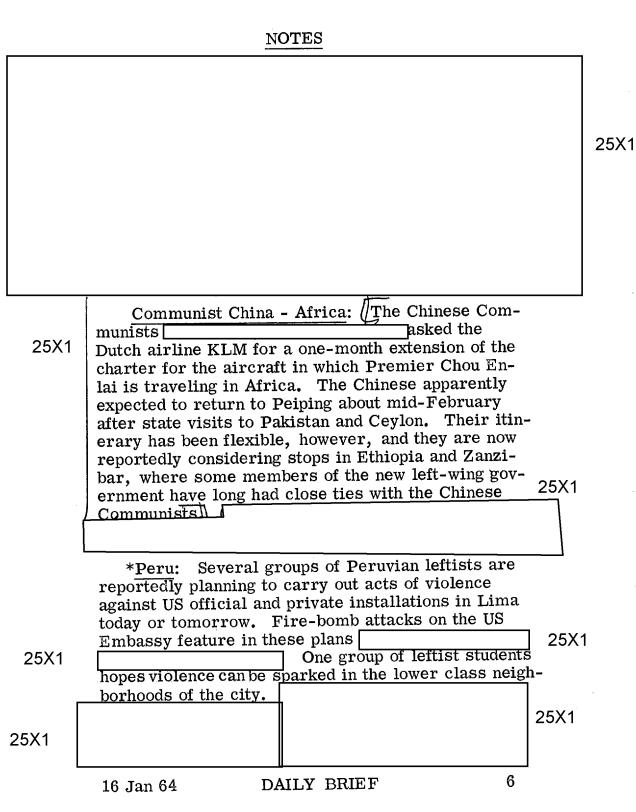
The revolt and the subsequent violence was participated in by some 20 "youth corps" firebrands who returned in late 1962 and early 1963 from five months of guerrilla training in Cuba.

This group was organized by Abdulrahman Mohammed "Babu," the new minister of external affairs and defense and the leading pro-Communist in Zanzibar, although he was out of the country when the revolt began. Under Babu's inspiration, the youth corps and labor unions attached to the various Zanzibar parties have become focal points for political malcontents and Communist sympathizers.

Two pro-Communist labor leaders have been added to the cabinet since Babu returned to the island. Subsequent shuffling of government posts suggests, however, that President Karume is trying to keep his African nationalist Afro-Shirazi Party in a dominant position.

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